THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Ascertaining pesticide level in soft drinks

†3124. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have urged all the State Governments to ascertain the quantity of pesticides in the Pepsi and Coca Cola drinks;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the States from which testing results have been received; and

(c) the details of these results and the steps taken by Government keeping in view of these results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) For monitoring the level of pesticides in carbonated water being sold in the country the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has already issued directions to all State Governments and Central Food Laboratories to take samples of cabronated water as well as the water used in the manufacture of carbonated water for checking the quality paramaters including pesticide residues.

(b) and (c) As per information received from 14 State Governments, 213 samples have been lifted so far and have been sent for testing and analysis to the designated laboratories. As per the report received from the State of Gujarat, out of 28 samples analysed by them, none of the samples have shown presence of any of the pesticides.

Social rights of HIV/AIDS infected people

3125. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the HIV/AIDS infected people in our country are deprived of basic social rights;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.